

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows and add new claims 25-30.

1. (Currently Amended) A flashing strip assembly, comprising;
a plurality of flashing sections formed from a ~~metallic~~ sheet material to have a generally V-shaped configuration and opposite edge portions, each section being further formed with at least one attachment hole and at least one alignment indicium wherein each section of the plurality is adapted to be arranged to overlap with another section of the plurality about the edge portions; and
at least two clinch joints formed in the edge portions of at least two of the flashing sections wherein the clinch joints are substantially registered on the overlapping edge portions and are thereby operative to releasably fasten the sections together.
2. (Original) The flashing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the v-shaped configuration incorporates an inside angle that is approximately 90 degrees.
3. (Currently Amended) The flashing assembly according to claim 1, ~~further comprising~~ wherein:
the sheet material is one selected from the group of materials ~~including~~ consisting of powdered, machined, drawn, stamped, rolled, extruded, and forged metals and plastics, ~~and alloys, and combinations, mixtures, compositions, hybrids, tempers, hardness modified, and heat treated variations thereof.~~
4. (Currently Amended) The flashing assembly according to claim 3, wherein the plastic material is further selected from the group ~~including~~ consisting of acetal resins, delrin, fluorocarbons, polyesters, polyester elastomers, metallocenes, polyamides, nylon, polyvinyl chloride, polybutadienes, silicone resins, ABS (acrylonitrile, butadiene, styrene), polypropylene, liquid crystal polymers[[,]] and combinations ~~and mixtures and composites thereof, hybrids, hardness modified, heat treated, and reinforced combinations and mixtures and composites thereof.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The flashing assembly according to claim 3, wherein the metal material is ~~further one~~ selected from the group ~~including~~ consisting of aluminum, steel, tin bronze, copper, lead, galvanized metals, weather proofed metals, plastic coated metals, ~~[[and]]~~ alloys thereof ~~and~~ combinations, mixtures, compositions, hybrids, tempers, surface treated, hardness modified, and heat treated variations thereof.

6. (Original) The flashing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the clinch joint is a mechanical press fit interference joint.

7. Cancelled.

8. (Currently Amended) A flashing strip assembly, comprising:
a plurality of flashing sections formed from a ~~metallie~~ sheet material to have opposite edge portions arranged about a generally V-shaped configuration, wherein each section of the plurality is adapted to be arranged to overlap with another section of the plurality about respective edge portions; and

at least two clinch joints formed in the edge portions of at least two of the flashing sections wherein the clinch joints are substantially registered on the overlapping edge portions and are thereby operative to releasably fasten the sections together.

9. (Original) The flashing assembly according to claim 8, wherein the V-shaped configuration incorporates an inside angle that is approximately 90 degrees.

10. (Original) The flashing assembly according to claim 8, wherein each of the flashing sections is further formed with at least one feature selected from the group including at least one attachment hole and at least one alignment indicium.

11. (Currently Amended) The flashing assembly according to claim 8, further comprising wherein:

the sheet material is one selected from the group of materials consisting of including powdered, machined, drawn, stamped, rolled, extruded, and forged metals and plastics, ~~and alloys, and combinations, mixtures, compositions, hybrids, tempers, hardness modified, and heat treated variations thereof.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The flashing assembly according to claim 11, wherein the plastic material is ~~further~~ one selected from the group consisting of including acetal resins, delrin, fluorocarbons, polyesters, polyester elastomers, metallocenes, polyamides, nylon, polyvinyl chloride, polybutadienes, silicone resins, ABS (acrylonitrile, butadiene, styrene), polypropylene, liquid crystal polymers[[,]] and combinations ~~and mixtures and composites thereof, hybrids, hardness modified, heat treated, and reinforced combinations and mixtures and composites thereof.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The flashing assembly according to claim 11, wherein the metal material is ~~further~~ one selected from the group ~~including~~ consisting of aluminum, steel, tin, bronze, copper, lead, galvanized metals, weather proofed metals, plastic coated metals, ~~and alloys thereof, and combinations, mixtures, compositions, hybrids, tempers, surface treated, hardness modified, and heat treated variations thereof.~~

14. (Original) The flashing assembly according to claim 8, wherein the clinch joint is a mechanical press fit interference joint.

15. Cancelled.

16. (Original) A flashing assembly, comprising:
a plurality of overlapping flashing sections each formed from a sheet material to have opposite edge portions arranged about a generally V-shaped configuration; and
at least one clinch joint substantially formed and registered upon overlapping edge portions of at least two of the plurality of overlapping flashing sections and adapted to releasably fasten the at least two sections together.

17. (Currently Amended) The flashing assembly according to claim 16, ~~further comprising wherein~~

at least a second clinch joint substantially formed and registered upon the same overlapping edge portions of the at least two flashing sections and adapted to releasably fasten the sections together.

18. (Original) The flashing assembly according to claim 16, wherein the V-shaped configuration incorporates an inside angle that is approximately 90 degrees.

19. (Currently Amended) The flashing assembly according to claim 16, wherein each of the flashing sections is further formed with at least one feature selected from the group ~~including~~ consisting of at least one attachment hole and at least one alignment indicium.

20. (Currently Amended) The flashing assembly according to claim 16, ~~further comprising wherein:~~

the sheet material is one selected from the group of materials ~~including~~ consisting of powdered, machines, drawn stamped, rolled, extruded, and forged metals and plastics, ~~and alloys and combinations, mixtures, compositions, hybrids, tempers, hardness modified, and heat treated variations thereof.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The flashing assembly according to claim 20, wherein the plastic material is ~~further~~ selected from the group ~~including~~ consisting of acetal resins, delrin, fluorocarbons, polyesters, polyester elastomers, metallocenes, polyamides, nylon, polyvinyl chloride, polybutadienes, silicone resins, ABS (acrylonitrile, butadiene, styrene), polypropylene, liquid crystal polymers[.], and combinations ~~and mixtures and composites thereof, hybrids, hardness modified, heat treated, and reinforced combinations and mixtures and composites thereof.~~

22. (Currently Amended) The flashing assembly according to claim 20, wherein the metal material is ~~further~~ selected from the group ~~including~~ consisting of aluminum, steel, tin, bronze, copper, lead, galvanized metals, weather proofed metals, plastic coated metals, and alloys[,] thereof and combinations, ~~mixtures, compositions, hybrids, tempers, surface treated, hardness modified, and heat treated variations~~ thereof.

23. (Original) The flashing assembly according to claim 16, wherein the clinch joint is a mechanical press fit interference joint.

24. Cancelled.

25. (New) The flashing assembly according to claim 4, wherein the plastic material may be modified by at least one modification selected from the group consisting of hardness modified, heat treated, reinforced, or formed into a composite.

26. (New) The flashing assembly according to claim 5, wherein the sheet material may be modified by at least one of the group consisting of tempering, hardness modifying, and heat treating.

27. (New) The flashing assembly according to claim 12, wherein the plastic material may be modified by at least one modification selected from the group consisting of hardness modified, heat treated, reinforced, or formed into a composite.

28. (New) The flashing assembly according to claim 13, wherein the sheet material may be modified by at least one of the group consisting of tempering, hardness modifying, and heat treating.

29. (New) The flashing assembly according to claim 21, wherein the plastic material may be modified by at least one modification selected from the group consisting of hardness modified, heat treated, reinforced, or formed into a composite.

30. (New) The flashing assembly according to claim 22, wherein the sheet material may be modified by at least one of the group consisting of tempering, hardness modifying, and heat treating.